

Griffith's Players at Tampa Ready for Workouts : College Diamond Squads Anxious for Practice

COLD WIND AND RAIN INITIAL GREETING FOR NATIONALS AT TAMPA

However, Griffith Plans Workout Today Under Shelter of Stands if Weather Is Unfit for Real Practice.

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TAMPA, Fla., March 1.—If the weather that greeted the Nationals on their arrival can be taken as a criterion of what is to be expected during three or more weeks of sojourning here, their stay will be none too pleasant, and all the prospects can be scrapped as unreliable and misleading. Getting in some four hours behind schedule, the Griffs kept to their bunks on the Pullman until breakfast time, and emerged to find a chill wind propelling lowering clouds that started weeping soon after they reached their hotel. Roaring wood fires in open hearths and three sessions in the dining room, where both quantity and quality prevailed, tended to brighten an otherwise dreary Sabbath, and the boys looked forward hopefully to today, which marks the opening of the practice period that is to prepare them for the championship season.

All early indications were that they were doomed to disappointment in so far as the weather is concerned. Uncle Sam's official prognosticator, "showers and colder," were in uniform this morning, however, prepared to cavort in the open if they could do so without getting their Trilbies damp, otherwise to warm up by tossing the ball under the cover of the grandstand.

The field where the Nationals will do their conditioning is laid out in the fair grounds, within a stone's throw of the hotel, and under the expert manipulation of Mike Martin and Nick Altrock, assisted by Fred Harvey, is really in excellent condition, although some of the soggy at present from recent rains, since their arrival a week ago Martin et al. have ploughed up the skinned portion of the diamond, resurfaced and packed it with a steam roller and topped it off with some dark loam to eliminate the glare occasioned by the sun on the white sand characteristic of this neck of the country. The stands are of substantial construction and the entire park is enclosed. The pavilion, fence and other buildings in the fair grounds are painted white, and the entire plant presents an attractive appearance, in great contrast to the park the Nationals used at Augusta.

SHAW'S AGREEMENT OVER TERMS WAS EXPECTED.

Jim Shaw's quick surrender, following receipt of Griff's ultimatum on the salary question, occasioned little surprise in camp, as all felt confident the big fellow could not stay away. Incidentally, his surrender takes a great load off the mind of the president-manager, as he could ill afford to face the opening of the flag race with Johnson as his only veteran hurler.

In addition to Shaw other early arrivals are expected to include Sam Rice, George Erickson, Crosby, Washburn and Walter Mayer. The latter wired from Cincinnati he would be a trifle late in reporting, and Eric is expected as soon as a Jamestown dentist can fix up some ailing teeth. Bobby Roth also may blow in at any time now, but the situation regarding Ed Gahrrity and Dave Davenport remains unchanged. Nothing has been heard from either, and the boss professes to believe they will not perform professionally in organized base ball this year. It is to hope he is mistaken, especially in regard to Gahrrity, for his absence will leave the Nationals decidedly weak in the receiving department, and the Beloit boy's big stick also will be greatly missed.

The sight of oranges, bananas and grapefruit growing and ready to be plucked proved a source of much interest to many in the Washington party, especially the youngest of the recruits, a squad of whom were unable to resist the temptation to sample some of the varieties hand picked by themselves. Sailing forth yesterday afternoon, they located a large grove where both grapefruit and oranges were found in abundance and proceeded to help themselves. They overlooked the little formality of obtaining consent of the owner, however, and when detected by that worthy were given an unlooked-for chance to improve their wind with some high speed road work. One of the number, who lives not a million miles from the Capitol, got mixed up with a barbed wire fence and returned to the hotel minus some of his coat, but with his pockets intact and filled to capacity.

TRADE BETWEEN GIANTS AND REDS NOW DENIED

CINCINNATI, March 1.—"There will be no trades involving the regulars of the Cincinnati base ball team," August Herrmann, president of the Champion Reds, said, when told of a New York dispatch stating that Manager McGraw of the Giants had offered to exchange "Pop" Young for Eddie Roush and Larry Kopf. "There is not one word of truth in any report that Roush, Kopf or any of our regulars are going to be traded to New York or any other club," said Herrmann. "Manager McGraw intends to stand pat on his winning team. We hope to have all the boys signed and ready to leave for the training camp on Friday morning. But whether they are signed or not, there will be no trades." Manager Moran will be in Cincinnati tomorrow and will accompany the team to Miami Friday.

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